

WELCOME TO ALEXANDRIA PRESBYTERIAN

**We are glad you’re here!**  
APC is a church of sinners. It’s that simple. But we are bound together by the Gospel that saves us and transforms us — UNCHANGING TRUTH, CHANGING LIVES. The transformation is, however, a process. God isn’t through with us yet. Everyone in this church is struggling with something. If you are currently struggling with greed, gossip, drugs, alcohol, sexual brokenness, eating disorders, anger, pride, etc — you are not alone. More importantly, God does not intend for you to struggle alone. That’s why He made the Church. If you would like to learn how your brothers and sisters at APC might be able to encourage you, pray with you, and struggle alongside you, we encourage you to visit our welcome desk, scan our “Connect with APC” QR code, and/or contact one of our pastors, officers, or staff.

To assist you as part of our church family gathering today, we want you to know that we offer:

- Nursery downstairs for newborn to age 4.** Children age 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to continue worship in Children’s Church following the offertory.
- A simulcast of the worship service in the Main Level Adult Education Room (Room 112).** As you or your family have the need, please feel free to use this area to continue your worship!
- A Nursing Mothers Room downstairs, near the Fellowship Hall in Room 009.** The worship service simulcast is also available here.
- Large-Print Bulletins.** See one of our greeters.
- Assistive Listening Devices.** For assistance, see one of our audio technicians.
- Se ofrece traducción al español cada domingo durante el servicio de la 9am.** Para más detalles acercarse a alguno de los ujieres. Spanish translation is available every Sunday during the 9am service. For more details, see one of our ushers.

As you are able, please help us to serve people arriving after you by sitting toward the front of the sanctuary, moving to the middle of your row, and closing empty chairs between you and those next to you.

To help focus our attention on Jesus during worship, please silence all electronic devices.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Fruits Sunday is Sunday, April 27!** We will share and celebrate our projection of Vision 2026 commitments to date and this will also be an opportunity to bring our first fruits toward those commitments to God. As you are able, we invite you to bring an offering, or as much of any one-time donations, “a first fruits” toward your commitment as an act of worship. See our FAQ for more information.

**Vision 2026 commitment cards can still be submitted.** We thank God for the outpouring and response from so many and it is not too late to submit a commitment card. Commitment cards are available at the Vision 2026 table and can be placed in the basket, returned to staff members Matt Coombs or Nick Carter, or completed electronically in the APC Sign-Ups.

**Newcomer Fellowship Dinner, Saturday, May 10th, 6-8pm.** If you’ve recently started attending APC, we would love the chance to get to know you more! Please join us for food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs at APC). You’ll have a chance to meet church officers and staff, ask questions and learn more about the ministry God is building here.

**Nursery Volunteers! It’s time to sign up for the next quarter.**

Want to know more about how you can serve our children here at APC? Reach out to Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

**APC is excited to kick-off the summer with a new college-aged ministry, May 18th after the 11am service.** Please join us after service for sandwiches, soups, & salads. Meet with other young adults and APC members that will be hosting meals, events, and prayer throughout the summer.

**APC is looking for volunteer photographers!** Do you have a talent in photography and want to use your skills here? We would like to capture the life of the church and get photos of our special services, dinners, retreats, and events. Interested? Reach out to Phoebe Drybola at phoebe.drybola@alexandriapres.org.

**Save the Date for Vacation Bible School 2025!** Rising Kindergarten to rising 5th graders: Join us for VBS this summer, June 16th-20th. Rising 6th graders to adults: Volunteers needed! Nursery & Preschool provided for volunteers. Sign-ups coming soon!

**Baptism.** The next baptism is Sunday, June 15th. If you would like to have your child or children baptized, please reach out to Bailey Rolland at bailey.rolland@alexandriapres.org.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

<b>Hospitality</b>	<i>Easter Fellowship</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b><i>This Week (9am):</i></b> Leslie Bridge, Ryan Douglass, Laura and Alex Erickson, Erin, Ryan and Graeme Furgerson, Evelyn Heil, Maria Myers, McKinzie Newman, Amanda Petelik, Jo Porwoll, Dani Sauer <b><i>This Week (11am):</i></b> Sue Edwards, Gina Mitchell, Chris Nelms, Bailey Rolland, Athena Selim, Grace Young <b><i>Next Week (9am):</i></b> Shannon Allen, Laura Erickson, Andrea Jones, Will Marks, Jackie McCauley, Tom Mood, Lisa Popadich, Joey Rolland, Doug Shipley <b><i>Next Week (11am):</i></b> Juliet Edem, Dan Johnson, Gina Mitchell, Tom Mood, Chris Nelms, KayCee Poole, Stacey Stephens <b>9am:</b> Nathan and Jessica Newman; Daniel and Andrea Jones <b>11am:</b> Ryan and Erin Furgerson Chris and Abby McGahey, Beth Ifft <b>9am:</b> Ryan Furgerson, Ginger Horton, Kodjo Family <b>11am:</b> Maggie Cho, Kristi Hellmuth, Jodie Kirk, Cynthia Oviatt
<b>Children’s Church</b>	
<b>Tech Team</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	

KEY EQUIPPING No Key Equipping tonight!

**Key Equipping is not meeting tonight.** APC offers an array of classes for all ages on Sunday evenings for further spiritual development and equipping disciples of Christ.

**Covenant Kids Ministry:** Children 2 years old - 5th grade, Lower Level (Nursery for 1 & under). Children learn foundational truths about God and the Gospel story. We experience what it looks like to love God and love others in community with our worship, small groups, teaching, games, fellowship, and dinner! Contact: Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

**PROTAS Youth Ministry:** Teens 6th-12th grade, Upper Level. Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and dinner. Contact: Adam LeRoy at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

**Adult Key Equipping Classes have concluded, but we will continue to have other Key Equipping opportunities/events.** Please key an eye out for future adult key equipping opportunities.

- April 20 - No Key Equipping for all ages - Easter Sunday
- April 27 - CFG Huddle for CFG leaders/hosts
- May 4 - No Key Equipping for all ages - Women’s retreat
- May 11 - No Key Equipping for all ages - Mother’s Day
- May 18 - Prayer meeting (open to all)
- May 25 - No Key Equipping for all ages - Memorial Day weekend
- June 1 - Large Group Shepherding for all Shepherds
- June 8 - Hymn Sing and Potluck (open to all)
- June 29 - Congregational Meeting and Potluck (open to all)

GIVING AT A GLANCE

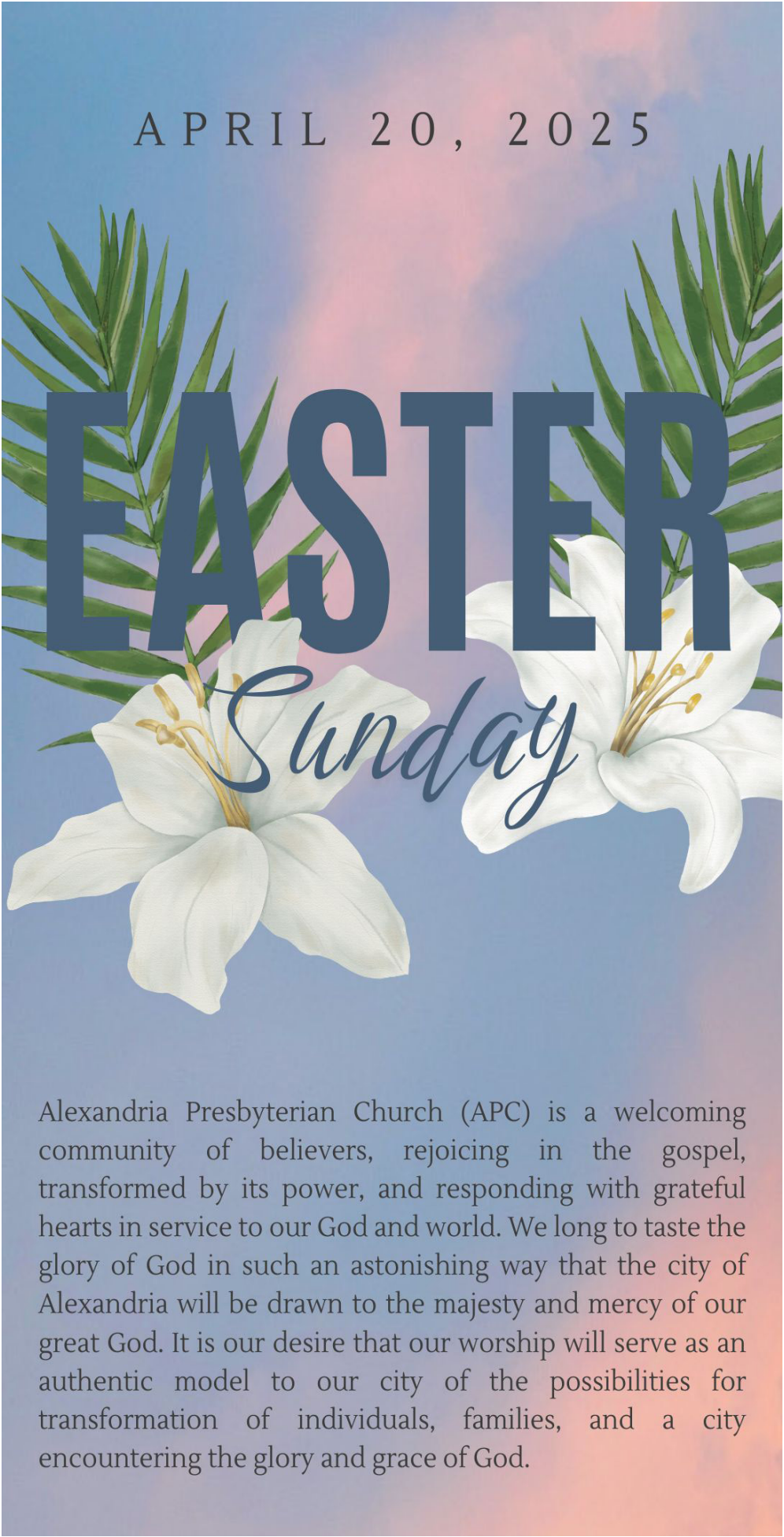
July 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

Giving: \$2,195,307  
Budget: \$2,070,000  
Difference: \$125,307  
Percentage: 106%

<b>Connect with APC</b>	<b>APC Sign-Ups</b>	<b>Give to APC</b>	<b>Vision 2026 Webpage</b>
			

Sign-ups for all events can be found in the QR Code above titled, “APC Sign-Ups.”

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Alexandria Presbyterian Church (APC) is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families, and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.



# Holy Worship Service

## GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

■ prelude

■ processional | Dorothy Taft, bagpipes

■ easter acclamation | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

■ call to worship

Matthew 28:1-9

Leader: <sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

All: <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

Leader: <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women,

All: “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

Leader: <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

All: <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (#277)

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today,” Alleluia! sons of men and angels say; Alleluia! raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia! death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia! where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia! made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

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■ prayer of adoration

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ scripture reading | Lynn Streett (9am); Aaron Renenger (11am)

Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 921)

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ songs of praise

The Power of the Cross

O to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.*

O to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

*This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side—  
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o’er the grave,  
and rose victorious through the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring; and lives, that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Lords who over all doth reign,  
who, once on earth th’incarnate Word for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
their songs before Him day and night—their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of heav’n, enthroned in worlds above;  
crown Him the King to whom is giv’n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;  
crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

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■ congregational prayer | Josh Diack, Associate Pastor

■ offertory prayer | Serenity Novak (9am); Nick Carter (11am)

■ presentation of tithes and offerings

offertory | Adult Choir

Glorious, Risen Christ!

Before the sun had arisen, Mary mourned for the Lord alone,  
but the darkened tomb was an empty room; the Son of God was gone!

*Glorious, risen Christ! Alive and robed in majesty,  
yet the scars of the cross show the infinite cost,  
the miraculous gift of Christ’s love for us.*

Mary heard His voice in the garden, quietly calling her name;  
she could not believe, nor her mind conceive that Jesus was alive!

She reached for the hem of His garment; silent, astonished, she gazed.  
His feet were torn that Easter morn; she bowed before her Lord, amazed!

Words by David Burke, based on John 20:1, 11-17; Music by Lloyd Larson; © 2009 Lorenz Publishing Company.

Children ages 5 through 2nd grade are now invited to continue worship in Children’s Church.  
Children should exit the Sanctuary using the door to the left of the stage.  
Parents: to pick up your children, go down the main stairwell and turn right into the nursery.  
Follow the signs to Children’s Church.

## GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

■ sermon scripture reading

1 Peter 1:1-12 (pg. 953)

Greeting

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Born Again to a Living Hope

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

■ prayer for illumination

■ sermon | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

“A Living Hope”

## GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

■ song of response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ, our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? “Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

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■ dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth and serve our city and our world as those who love the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: We will go forth and serve our city and our world in the name of Christ.

■ benediction

■ announcements | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries